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COMMUNICATION

Dear Sir:

Applicant received an Office Action dated January 20, 2004 in which U.S. Patent No. 6,531,845 to Kerai et. al was cited. In an interview between the undersigned and the Examiner. the undersigned pointed out that Kerai et al is not properly cited as prior art because it has a priority date after the priority date of the subject application. The Examiner indicated that he would withdraw the Office Action and the citation of Kerai et al.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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